GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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CONSEQUENCE OF LIBERALISATION OF SEED INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as a consequence of liberalizations of seed industry, the seed companies are monopolizing the market in the country with their high cost hybrid seeds;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken against the companies indulging in such activities; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to protect the interest of the farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): No, Sir.

(b)&(c): Question does not arise.

(d): Sufficient provisions are available under Seeds Act, 1966, Seeds Rules 1968, Seed (Control) Order 1983 and Protection of Plant Variety and Farmer`s Right Act, 2001. Farmers are entitled to save, use, sow, resow, exchange, share or sell his farm produce including seed without registration except branded seeds.